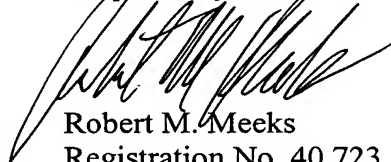


REMARKS

In response to the indication of potential allowability of Claims 11-13 in the final Office Action mailed August 25, 2005 (hereinafter "final Office Action"), Applicants have amended independent Claim 1 to incorporate the recitations of Claims 10 and 11, and have amended Claims 12 and 13 to depend from amended Claim 1. Similarly, in response to the indicated potential allowability of Claims 24-26, Applicants have amended independent Claim 14 to incorporate the recitations of Claims 23 and 24, and have amended Claims 25 and 26 to depend from amended Claim 14. Applicants have canceled Claims 10, 11, 23 and 24. Applicants request entry of these amendments, as they introduce no new matter, raise no new issues and place Claims 1, 3-7, 12-20, 25, 26 and 29 in condition for allowance. Applicants submit this Amendment to expedite issue and allowance of the present application, without prejudice or disclaimer toward pursuing the subject matter of the Claims 1 and 14 prior to this Amendment. Applicants request allowance of the claims and passing of the application to issue in due course. Applicants encourage the Examiner to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

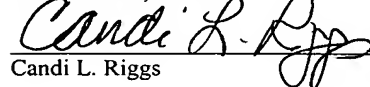


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